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Greetings, CCAL Members,

Happy New Year! The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is over now and it's time to think about what the new year might bring. The league had a wonderful Christmas party in December and a good time was had by all who attended. A big shout out of thanks to Lainie McWilliams for all the planning and preparation that was done to make the party such a success. Also, thank you to the volunteers who also helped in various ways. You are much appreciated! At the party we collected many donations of art supplies that were then delivered to the Epworth Children's Home. It was exciting to see how many items our members contributed and how appreciative Epworth was in receiving all that was collected. Thank you all for stepping up with your donations for such a worthy cause.

Many of our members who hold service roles for our league have been quite busy in preparation for all that will be coming up in the next few months. It takes a lot of behind-the-scenes work to prepare for and carry out the many opportunities that our league offers its members. I would like to personally thank all of those who are serving on our board and committees as well as those who are part of our non-board service and support team. We couldn't do all we do without your help! Besides these volunteers, I would like to thank those who are ready and willing to step up to help with special projects when they are asked. It really does take an army of volunteers to run our Crooked Creek Art League.

Speaking of volunteering, I know we all enjoy the food that is provided for our monthly meetings. Many of us count on this food as our evening meal since we meet during the dinner hour. Because we weren't able to pass around a food list for our January meeting we are in need of members to volunteer to bring food. This could be finger sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, cheese, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, etc. If you are willing

to help out this month (or any other month) please call our refreshments coordinator, Carol Blackwood at (803) 781-3926. Thank you in advance for meeting an important need!

Our next members' meeting will be this coming Monday, January 15, 2024, at 6:00pm. Come a bit early at 5:30 for refreshments and to socialize. We will offer Zoom for those who are not able to attend in person. I hope you will be able to join us as we hear from our presenter, Don Wuori. Don will be bringing a wonderful presentation on "The Iconography of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church" located in Columbia. Don will share what it was like to be able to photograph, over several weeks, the process of the painting of the icons at the church. He will be presenting not only his images, but information he learned about the tradition of the painting of icons in churches. This will be a presentation that painters and photographers alike will most certainly enjoy. I hope you will make the effort to come hear Don speak on this fascinating subject.

Some important dates to keep in mind as you look at your calendar for the new year:

- "Collage & Intuitive Abstracts" Workshop with Courtney Trowman; Friday, January 12 - Saturday, January 13.
- "The Simplicity of Watercolor Painting" Workshop with J J Jiang; Friday, January 26 - Saturday, January 27.
- "Take Your Painting to the Next Level" Workshop with Steven S. Walker; Thursday, February 29 - Saturday, March 2.
- Still Hopes Artwork Pickup: Saturday, January 27 10:30am - Noon.
- The 29th Annual Juried Exhibit online registration opens Monday, January 22 and will run through Thursday, February 22. Delivery of the artwork will be on Saturday, February 24, 10:00am - 12:00pm. The reception will be held on Saturday, March 23, 5:00pm - 8:00pm. Please begin preparing now for our biggest show of the year!
- In conjunction with our Annual Juried Exhibit, on February 28, Rick Rhodes will be available again to offer his services of taking high quality photographs of your artwork. The cost will be \$30 per piece. To find out more information and to register, please go to the home page of our website and look for the special link.
- We are always looking for members who would like to display their artwork in one of our CCAL public galleries. If you are interested, please go to the Public Galleries page on our website to sign up.
- Our TAP Gallery theme for January is "On the Farm." If you have artwork pertaining to this theme and would like to enter our January contest and have your work on display, please bring your artwork to our January meeting. As always, please make sure you attach your CCAL label with information to the bottom of your artwork.

As this year unfolds with many opportunities to be active in the Crooked Creek Art League, I hope you will make a point to get to know others in the league and especially help new members feel welcome to our art family. Art is our common bond, and it is special to be able to come together with others who share a common interest in the arts. I am looking forward to seeing all the new pieces of art that y'all have been working on for our upcoming exhibits. Let's bless our community with our artistic talents!

I hope to see you at our upcoming meeting!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Beyer

President, CCAL



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